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I have the honour to inform you that the Lebanese Council of Ministers held an emergency meeting on 12 July 2006 to address the situation on the Blue Line and then issued the following statement:

"The Lebanese Government was not aware of the events that occurred and are occurring on the international Lebanese border.

"The Lebanese Government is not responsible for these events and does not endorse them.

"The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the Israeli aggressions that targeted and are targeting the vital and civil Lebanese infrastructure.

"For these reasons, the Lebanese Government calls for an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss and address these aggressions.

"The Lebanese Government expresses its willingness to negotiate through the United Nations and third parties in order to address the events that occurred, the results of these events, and the reasons that instigated them."

I kindly request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Caroline **Ziade**
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I have the honour to inform Your Excellency of the latest Israeli aggressions against Lebanon.

Israeli warplanes have struck the Rafiq Al-Hariri International Airport in Beirut and damaged the three main runways. They have also struck the small military airport of Qlaiat in northern Lebanon and the Lebanese airforce base in Rayak, in the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

Israel has imposed an air, sea and land blockade on Lebanon. Israeli warships entered Lebanese territorial waters to operate the blockade from the sea.

Up to now, Israeli raids have killed 53 civilians in Lebanon.

Israeli military jets have destroyed nine bridges and cut off roads linking Beirut to the south. They have also destroyed the bridges which link Bint Jbeil, Tyre and Marjayoun to Sidon and Nabatieh.

Israeli air and artillery strikes have destroyed an electrical substation, residential buildings and government offices.

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